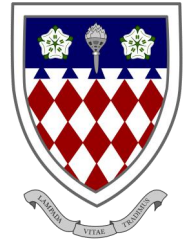


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

11th January 2024



Welcome back to the new school term and, if I am still allowed to say so; Happy New Year! May it be a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024 for everybody!

Term 2 was a late finish but a very busy final week as we were keen to share both the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection and also the Autumn Edition of the High Quarterly. The HQ Team worked incredibly hard on this, our fourth edition and were really pleased with the finished magazine. We could not do it without Dave from camdesigns.co.uk and so thank you to Dave too! We are also grateful to all the parents/carers and staff who have emailed in to congratulate the team on Edition 4, with one person describing it as the "best edition yet!". I know that the HQ Team were also as proud as punch to have been mentioned personally in the final Ofsted Report, which is of course now live on their website for the whole world to see! I doubt there are many schools with reports that mention the School magazine, bake sales, book clubs and Ancient Greek clubs!

I would also like to extend my thanks to parents who emailed in both during the Ofsted inspection and once the report was shared, to congratulate the School, our staff and students on doing so well. No school is perfect and we listened carefully to feedback and survey results with interest and will continue to work hard and endeavour to be the very best we can be. We were all very pleased with the final report and, as you know from my letter to parents/carers, our students were absolutely fantastic - as they always are!

On a final note from me, we are always keen for more students to join the HQ and now is a perfect time as we are just getting started on the Spring Edition. We meet on Wednesday week 1 at 1.05pm and Thursday week 2 at 1.30pm so do come along to reception and join the team.

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Summer 2024 Examination Series

GCSE exams will take place from Thursday 9/5/24 to Wednesday 19/6/24

GCE (A Level) exams will take place from Tuesday 14/5/24 to Friday 21/6/24

The Contingency Day is Wednesday **28/6/24**, and there are contingency afternoons on Thursday **06/06/24** and Thursday **13/06/24**.

These contingency days/afternoons will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. Students should be available to take examinations up until this date.

The generic timetables are available on the School website and individual student timetables will be issued in late February/early March 2024.

Mrs Smith, Examinations Officer

Week 4 - Challenge #4 - Answer

Here is the answer to the Challenge the Parent question from 30th November:

Working	Answer
$\frac{48.45}{425} \times 100$	Katie spends more
OR	
$\frac{11}{100} \times 425 = 46.75$	

Did you get it right?

Week 5 - Challenge #5

Eric travels from the UK to India every year.

In 2010, the exchange rate was £1 = 67.1 rupees.

In 2012, the exchange rate was £1 = 82.5 rupees.

In 2010 Eric changed £600 into rupees.

How many pounds (£) did Eric have to change to rupees in 2012 to get the same number of rupees as he did in 2010?

Good Luck!

PE News

Trampolining

Year 9 students, Maisie Doyle, Isobel Wilkins and Emma Bayes became regional team champions (beating The Deeping School in second place) at the East Midlands Regional Schools' Championships in Hinckley on Sunday 3rd December. As such they have qualified for the Zonal Schools' Championship in January. Maisie became Regional Champion with the highest score for Y9-Y10 students so qualified for the Zonal Schools Championship individually.

Congratulations and well done!

Mr Farrell, Head of PE

Tesco Fundraising - Holbeach

The PE department would like to run a variety of sports, exercise and mindfulness activities during school break and lunchtimes to further support the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils at SHS. To support the department in doing so, we have applied to Tesco community grants in order to purchase new equipment and provide different opportunities to those already on the PE Extra-curricular timetable.

If you are shopping in the Tesco Holbeach store, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point. The project with the most blue tokens at the end of the period will receive £1,500, the second place will receive £1,000 and the third-place project will receive £500.

Please encourage friends and family members to do the same until the 14th January 2024... Every Token Counts!

Stronger Starts

Vote now

Helping children thrive

Vote for the project that means the most to you. Each project could receive up to £1,500.

Project Name	Project Description	Vote in-store until
Cradle Ash Pre-School	Our goal is to run with 30 people who can provide with children's needs and support them.	14th January 2024
Moulton Chapel Primary School	Helping children thrive through the support and the knowledge to give them the best possible future.	14th January 2024
Spalding High School	Healthy and positive wellbeing. To run a variety of sports, exercise and mindfulness activities during school break and lunch-times to support the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils at the school.	14th January 2024

Every little helps

Working with **GROUNDWORK**
CHANGING PLACES
CHANGING LIVES

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Spalding

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SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

Pastoral News

Keeping Children Safe Online

Continuing with our 'Keeping Children Safe Online' theme, please find enclosed our next poster relating to Keeping Safe on Twitter. Please share and discuss the information at home. In addition, there are links to further support on the School website.

Mrs Davies, Pastoral Department

SEND News

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Update

Happy New Year to all our students, parents and carers! We would like to advertise the LPCF again and all the amazing work they do. Please register with them if you have a child with additional needs, to make the most of the support and training sessions they offer. Please see the information attached to this Bulletin.

Mrs Hickman, SENDCo.

Y9 News

Year 9 Options Evening 2024

Last night saw a full hall of parents and students attending the Year 9 Options Evening - I just want to extend a big thank you to parents and carers for attending and supporting the process. The feedback was really helpful and positive, and will inform future events.

Option subject teachers will now talk to students directly in lessons about their subject at GCSE and will be able to answer general questions but also have time to answer specific questions from individuals on a one-to-one basis if needed.

Students will also have the opportunity to attend the **Options Fair on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th January** at lunchtimes in the Hall. Year 10 students will be there to talk to them about the lived experience of a student in that subject. Students will get to see work that is produced and ask any questions they may have.

The Options Booklet is on the School website and holds further information about each option subject. Please take time to read through this and start having those exciting conversations about GCSEs and the future. The presentation is also available on the School website for you to look in more detail at the resources shared at the evening.

Parents and carers will have an opportunity to talk to subject teachers at the Year 9 Parents' Evening on 22nd February. **The deadline for the Options Form to be completed is 27th February. The form can be found on the Year 9 Teams group.**

I encourage students to ask lots of questions. Form tutors, subject teachers, Heads of Departments, Careers Lead - Mrs Bushell, current GCSE students, the Pastoral Team and SENDCo - Mrs Hickman have a wealth of experience and insight and are here to help.

Once again, thank you for your support any questions please feel free to ask.

Mrs Neal, Head of Year 9

Department for Education News

DfE Consultation on Gender Questioning Consultation

Just before we broke up for Christmas, the DfE published advice to schools on gender questioning children, including a 12 week consultation on the advice. The consultation survey can be found below and is open to parents/carers and students to participate as well. The consultation closes on 12th March.

Guidance for Schools and Colleges: Gender Questioning Children - Department for Education - Citizen Space

Community News

Boston College New Adult Courses

As we embark on a new year, Boston College invites SHS staff, parents and carers to explore exciting opportunities for new hobbies, skills and qualifications. Please find information below and attached for Boston College's NEW Adult Courses.

*Take your chance to Switch Up Your Career, Your Business, Your Wellbeing with Boston College. Discover a huge range of part time adult courses (for adults aged 19+) starting between January to July at campuses in Boston, Spalding and Horncastle, or study anytime, anywhere with Online Distance Learning. Find a full list of courses and **apply online** here <https://bit.ly/41ojx1B>*

New courses include:

- *Cake Making and Decorating*
- *Creative Textiles*
- *Basic ICT*
- *Accounting*
- *Re-energise Yourself*
- *Beauty Therapy Skills*
- *Emergency First Aid*
- *Emergency Paediatric First Aid*
- *Basic Bricklaying*
- *Basic Plumbing*
- *Upcycling Your Clothes*
- *Introduction to the Role of a Teaching Assistant*
- *English (Functional Skills or ESOL)*
- *Food Safety in Catering*
 *...and **LOTS** more!*

Boston College

Sixth Form News

Geography Fieldtrip to Stamford

On Wednesday 6th December, Year 12 Geography students went on a fieldtrip to Stamford as part of our Changing Places topic. Previously, we had visited Spalding as our near place and Stamford is our far place. We started the day by looking at the Georgian architecture on new and old buildings, which included features like quoins and Collyweston slate roofing. Other fieldwork tasks were carried out including pedestrian and vehicle counts, semantic differential surveys, clone town surveys and we are where we eat survey. These were carried out in different areas of Stamford, to later compare the character and influences on the locations, throughout Stamford. Later in the day we all had to investigate our own hypotheses and collect data to answer our question. For some people this involved looking at land use, while others looked at how the economy flows and conservation areas. This research will be helpful for our NEA's, which are completed in Year 13. The trip provided an insight into why Stamford was once named the best place to live and how the conservation status has protected the architectural history.

Jasmine Smith, 6NG



Careers Update

Year 12 Work Experience Week – Monday 1st – Friday 5th July 2024

A letter about work experience week has been sent out to the parents/carers of Year 12 students from Mrs O'Brien, our Work Experience Manager. We have run our work experience week in Year 12 for the last two years and it is expected that all students take part. Please read the details in the letter and we will be talking to students about the process over the next fortnight. We request a voluntary contribution of £20 by 2nd February, please, to help cover the costs incurred for the health and safety checks carried out by our risk assessment provider.

Aspiring Mental Health Careers – NHS Talent Academy Event – see attachment.

Do you want to make a positive difference to mental health and wellbeing?

Meet professionals working as part of a multidisciplinary team, using their knowledge about how people think and behave to support individuals to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Participants will hear from experts working in the fields of Counselling, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Psychology and Social Work, offering insight, advice and guidance into their career.

Virtual Event - Wednesday 24th January 2024 - **5.30 pm to 8.00 pm**

Criteria:

- Participants must be living or educated in Lincolnshire
- Participants must be 15 – 20 years of age on the day of the event

To Apply:

For a place at the event click on the link and follow the instructions: [**Application Form**](#)

The closing date for all applications is **4 pm Friday 19th January.**

If you have questions regarding the event or the application, please email: [**NHS.Talent@ulh.nhs.uk**](mailto:NHS.Talent@ulh.nhs.uk)

For monitoring purposes, could students please let me know if they register to attend.

Apprenticeships at Caterpillar, Peterborough

Vacancies open on 21st January for students interested in pursuing apprenticeships:

[**Caterpillar | Peterborough Apprenticeships**](#)

British Army Webinar

Success at School is hosting an interactive webinar tailored to parents/carers on 16th January about the educational and career opportunities available within the British Army: [**Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams**](#)

Support:

As always, we can be contacted by email if parents/carers or students in any year group have any queries:

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[**Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk**](mailto:Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader